

REMARKS

In the final Office Action mailed August 11, 2005, the Examiner (1) allowed claims 1-4, 7-12, 14-19, 21, and 24; and (2) rejected claims 25-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,930,827 to Sturges et al. ("Sturges").

Status and Allowance of Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-4, 7-12, 14-19, 21, and 24 are allowable. Claims 1-4, 7-12, 14-19, 21, and 24-32 are currently pending. Claims 5, 13, 20, 22, 23 were previously canceled and claim 6 has previously been withdrawn from consideration.

In this Amendment, Applicants propose canceling claims 25-32. After this Amendment After Final is entered into the file, the only remaining claims will be claims that the Examiner indicated are allowable, specifically claims 1-4, 7-12, 14-19, 21, and 24.

Information Disclosure Statements

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs) filed in this application. Without explanation, however, the Examiner returned a form PTO/SB/08 from the IDS filed on February 18, 2005, which was only partially signed. Applicants attach a copy of this IDS (with form PTO/SB/08) with a copy of the stamped post card indicating receipt in the PTO. Applicants also enclose a copy of the references that the Examiner did not consider. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all the references listed on this form PTO-1449 and indicate so by initialing the form.

Rejection under § 102(e)

In the Office Action, the Examiner disagreed with the arguments Applicants presented in the Amendment filed June 28, 2004. Applicants continue to believe that claims 25-32 are allowable over the references of record. To advance prosecution, however, Applicants propose canceling claims 25-32.

After this Amendment After Final is entered, the only remaining claims will be claims that the Examiner indicated are allowable, specifically claims 1-4, 7-12, 14-19, 21, and 24.

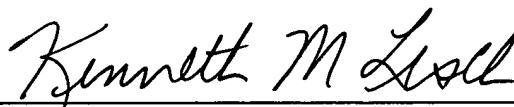
Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, thereby placing all pending claims in condition for allowance. The proposed cancellation of claims 25-32 does not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Copy of Information Disclosure Statement filed February 18, 2005, copy of stamped postcard, and five references.